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2. PTO Form 1449;
3. Transmittal letter in duplicate; and
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Respectfully submitted,

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application.

Pursuant to the waiving of the requirement of 37 CFR 1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the listed U.S. references are not enclosed.

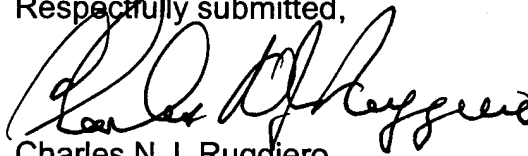
It is applicant's belief that none of the above citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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## U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	4,260,311	04.07.1981	Hanses			
	4,382,507	05.10.1983	Miller			
	4,756,939	07.12.1988	Goodwin			
	4,873,101	10.10.1989	Larson, et al.			
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	5,176,930	01.05.1993	Kannankeril, et al.			
	5,320,895	06.14.1994	Larsonneur, et al.			
	5,428,346	06.27.1995	Franklin			
	5,964,741	10.12.1999	Moder, et al.			
	6,270,873	08.07.2001	Darnett			

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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